agreeable to lier intent hath been the cause of the alteration of her purpose. Howbeit the readiness of the country to do her service her Majesty very graciously accepteth and commandeth that knowledge be given thereof

April THE FRENCH TREACHERY

Shortly before the Spaniards took the citadel of Calais the States sent 400 resolute old soldiers, who in despite of the Cardinal^ forces attained the walls and parleyed with the French within to give them entertainment, but though these soldiers had come only to their aid they would not receive them within the *alls, so that, not being able to make long resistance without the walls, they were all slain by the Spaniards For the French were all in one mind, being willmger that the Spaniards shall possess Calais than to permit either the English or other their friends to relieve it, saying, [c] If the Spaniards win it, yet there is good hope by mediation of the Church to regain it ; but if the English repossess it, they will never restore it *

April ANOTHER ORDER CONCERNING POST-HORSES

The Council have again very straidy required that their former order concerning the service of horses for the posts shall be obeyed

^^*ni April* A DECLARATION OF THE CAUSES OF THE PRESENT NAVY

There is published a *Declaration* showing the causes why the Queen's Majesty of England is moved to send a navy to the seas Herein is shown how the Spanish King hath purpose to invade Ireland, and this last winter having amassed a great number of ships and men many of these same were destroyed Nevertheless, not being warned by this just punishment by God's ordinance, and f orgetting how by the favour

of Almighty God his proud navy in the year *88 was overthrown,, and his loss at Cadiz, yet still he pursueth his former purpose to animate the rebels in Ireland Wherefore her Majesty doth appeal to all the world whether she be not necessarily enforced to send out this army to the seas This declaration is printed also in the Latin, French, Dutch, Italian, Spanish and German tongues